TECHNOTE 61: SirsiDynix Symphony Item Types

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See also policy information at: http://will.state.wy.us/wyld/map/

ITEM TYPES: The primary purpose of the Item Type policy is to identify an object's circulation characteristics. Through the SirsiDynix Symphony policies, the library indicates such things as the loan period and fines for a particular item type as well as whether the item is holdable. Additionally, the item type policy may be used for statistical analysis. Item types can be used to limit search results as well.

While item type can be used to designate a material format, there are other means available to accurately describe the format of an item, such as item category 1 in the item record or the notes fields of an item record. Fields in the bibliographic record can describe format as well. In the title field (245 tag) a general material designation (GMD) may be added to indicate specific format such as CD book, MP3CD book, DVD, large print, or board book. The edition statement (250 tag) can be used also to indicate specific format information such as Playaway, Xbox 360 or Wii.

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